

2016 Grimes Farmers' Market Rules and Regulations



- The 2016 market dates are Wednesdays, May 18th through August 31, 2016. Market days are held each Wednesday from 4:30-7:00 p.m. with set-up time beginning at 3:30 p.m. Vendors are not permitted to arrive or begin setting up before 3:30 p.m., and all vendors must arrive by 4:00 p.m. The Market will be located at the Grimes Public Library, Waterworks Park at 200 N. James Street.
- Each vendor at the Grimes Farmer's Market must grow or produce all of the items for sale at his/her table. The vendor should be the person who makes the decisions and does the work involved with the production of all of the produce sold at the stall. The decisions include, but are not limited to, cultivating, selection and acquisition, when and where each crop is harvested and market preparation, including pricing.
- Each vendor must purchase a daily card or season pass in order to sell at the Grimes Farmers' Market. Daily passes must be purchased by Thursday the week before the market they wish to attend. Cost is \$5 per day. Season passes are \$60. Checks should be made out to the City of Grimes.
- Vendors will provide their own table for selling. Special requests must be made by sellers/vendors who wish to sell off the back of their vehicle.
- Each vendor stall shall be no wider than ten feet. If space allows, a vendor may purchase two stall spaces, at the market manager's discretion. Vendors' tables, tents, etc., must be set up in such a way that allows adequate space for customer traffic in the center of the market area. The Market Manager reserves the right to have vendors rearrange table, etc., to fit within the allotted ten foot space.
- Vendor parking will be in the Grimes Public Library parking lot. Over-flow parking will be across the street at Kempker's Hardware. Tents will be no larger than ten feet by ten feet. No exceptions. Market Manager has the right to have you move to the correct place or will ask you to leave if not cooperating. If vendor does not cooperate, Police Department will be called.
- NO selling or exchange of money ahead of time will be allowed. When the bell rings at 4:30p.m., vendors may begin selling the product(s). If any vendor begins selling items before the bell rings, it will result in dismissal from the market that day. Repeat offenses may result in permanent dismissal from the market for the duration of the season at the Market Manager's discretion. If vendors do not leave when asked by the Market Manager, the Police Department will be called immediately.
- The vendor shall keep their space and surrounding area clean and free of debris and obstructions.
- Items that may be sold at the Grimes Farmers' Market include Fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods (except for soft pies and custards), honey, eggs, flowers, plants, and arts and crafts. Vendors must possess necessary permits or certificates to sell poultry, meat, or prepared/potentially hazardous foods.
- Merchandise such as guns, knives, brass knuckles, explosives or any other items the Market Manager feels are inappropriate will not be allowed.
- Grimes Parks and Recreation reserve the right to refuse acceptance of any vendor or item.
- All Grimes Farmers' Market vendors are required to comply with the State of Iowa Public Health regulations governing the preparation, handling, and presentation of food. Prepared food vendors are responsible for obtaining all necessary licenses and permits required by the State of Iowa. A permit fee will be imposed and is valid for all Iowa Farmers' Markets. Vendors are encouraged to contact the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals at 515-281-6539 (Robert Haxton) with any questions or concerns regarding product regulations, licensing, and fees.
- If the vendor/grower or any of its employees, agents, or representative enters the market under the influence of alcohol or drugs, they shall forfeit the stall for the day or the market season. The Market Manager may close a stall for the day or market season for any inappropriate conduct or activities, or otherwise disturbing the peace by vendor.
- In the event a vendor is permanently dismissed from the Grimes Farmers Market, no refunds will be issued.
- For additional information, contact Allison Morris, Grimes Farmers Market Manager, at 515-986-2143. Or email at acourtright@ci.grimes.ia.us